

IN THE ABSTRACT:

The Abstract as amended below with a replacement Abstract shows added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~.

Please DELETE the Abstract in its entirety and substitute the attached new Abstract.

An girder bridge protection device, ~~comprises~~The girder protection device includes a sacrifice means ~~including~~member having girders ~~which are~~ installed on an upper surface of a bridge seat of an abutment or pier to support a bridge floor, a symmetrical main support member ~~which connects~~connecting two of the girders and ~~has~~having an elongated tubular a pipe-shaped configuration, and an auxiliary support member ~~which projectings~~ from one surface of a center portion of the main support member in a direction perpendicular to an axial direction of the main support member; and a restraining means ~~member~~ secured to the bridge seat of the abutment or pier and ~~including~~having an accommodating section ~~which accommodatiges~~ the auxiliary support member such that the auxiliary support member is separated from the accommodating section in a forward and rearward direction and in a leftward and rightward direction, thereby controlling the behavior of the auxiliary support member.